

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of)
ISOBE et al.)
Application Number: To be Assigned)
Filed: Concurrently Herewith)
For: METHOD FOR MANAGING DISK DRIVES OF)
DIFFERENT TYPES IN DISK ARRAY DEVICE)
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Honorable Assistant Commissioner
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Washington, D.C. 20231

**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119
AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

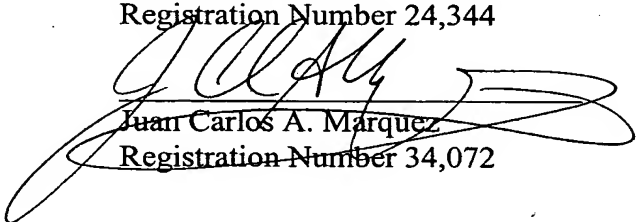
Sir:

In the matter of the above-captioned application for a United States patent, notice is hereby given that the Applicant claims the priority date of February 9, 2004, the filing date of the corresponding Japanese patent application 2004-031507.

A certified copy of Japanese patent application 2004-031507, will be submitted as soon as it is received from Applicant. Acknowledgment of receipt of the certified copy is respectfully requested in due course.

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